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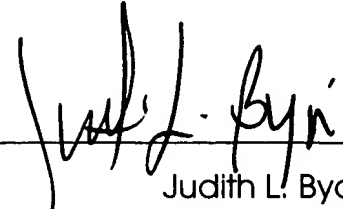
This Reply Brief is filed in response to the Examiner's
Answer mailed October 23, 2001 in the above identified application.

In the Answer, under heading (7), "Grouping of Claims", the Examiner has stated that "(t)he brief includes a statement that claims 1 to 22 do not stand or fall together, but fails to present reasons in support thereof as required under 37 CFR 1.192(c)(5). MPEP §1206."

Appellant points out that, as stated in the Appeal Brief under "Grouping of Claims", each set of claims listed in the separate headings is discussed separately and is believed to be patentable for the reasons set forth in the "Argument" sections of the Appeal Brief. According to M.P.E.P. §1206, the reasons that the claims do not stand or fall together are to be situated in the "Argument" section of the Appeal Brief, as they are in the instant situation. Accordingly, Appellant remains of the position that the appealed claims do not stand or fall together.

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Respectfully submitted,

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